(b) to (d) The allocations and the supplies are shown below:

	Alloc ations	Supplie		
		1991-	1992-93	1993-
Baroda	0.06	0.058	0.063	0.064
Bharuch/ Ankleshwa	0.17	0.099	0.210	0.180
Surat	0.30	0.40*	0.230	0.280

Started in September, 1991.

As may be seen from the above, supplies . have been more or less as per allocation.

(e) Keeping in view the availability of gas and the commitments made, it is not feasible to make further allocations to the above areas at present.

हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम में नई एल॰ पी॰ जी॰ एजेंसियां खोला जाना

3964. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम में गत दो वर्षों के दौरान मंत्रालय को विभिन्न स्रोतों से किन–किन स्थानों पर नई गैस एजेंसियां खोलने की मांगे प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) क्या मंत्रालय ने उपरोक्त सभी मांगों की जांच कराई है ताकि यह पता लगाया जा सके कि ये एजेंसियां किन–किन स्थानों पर खोलना उचित होगा;

(ग) यदि भाग ''ख'' का उत्तर ''हां'' है तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इन स्थानों पर गैस एजेंसियां खोलने हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों से एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की स्थापना हेतु समय–समय पर अनुरोध प्राप्त होते हैं, आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता और उत्पाद उपलब्धता की शर्त पर एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें जिला मुख्यालयों तथा 20,000 और अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले नगरों में चरणबद्ध ढंग से खोली जाती हैं।

Supply or flared up gas from Assam to Calcutta and other places in eastern India.

3965. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Government are exploring the possibilities of establishing a pipeline network to bring natural gas which is being flared in various oil and gas fields in Assam to Calcutta and other major urban centres in Eastern India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): Only 1.82 MMSCMD of gas was flared in Assam in 1993-94. The flaring is planned to be reduced this year. It is not feasible to transport such small volumes to Calcutta and Eastern States.

Allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka

3966. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies which have been sanctioned in Karnataka daring the year 1993-94 and the names and addresses of persons to whom the agencies have been sanctioned;

(b) whether the allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka have been made through the Oil Selection Board or by the discretionary quota of the Ministry;

(c) if so, how many LPG agencies have been sanctioned in Karnataka from the discretionary quota and names, addresses of such persons with locations of gas agencies; and

(d) what is the criteria to allot such agencies out of the discretionary quota of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) During the year 1993- , 94 twenty (20) LPG distributorships have been allotted in Karnataka. Out of these, six (6) LPG distributorships were allotted under the discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds. Allotments on compassionate grounds are made in deserving gases keeping in view the circumstances of each case.

Expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery

3967. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the